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## War Moves On Soviet Union Growing

N. A. A. C. P. DENIES PATTERSON FLOOR AT CONVENTION

### Pickens Causes Arrest of Eight Chicago Workers

Mrs. Janie Patterson, mother of one of the Scottsboro boys, was denied the floor at the National Convention in Pittsburgh of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which claims to be "defending the boys."

The N.A.A.C.P., which is responsible for the retaining of the Klux lawyer and drunkard Roddy, who helped to send the boys to the electric chair, thus again gives proof to the workers that it is not at all interested in saving the boys, but in cooperating with the boss men of the South in sending them to the electric chair.

Just like Rev. Bowens of the Chattanooga Ministers Alliance and Dr. Stevens of the same outfit, they are calling directly upon the police to break up the mass defense movement led by the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights. The N.A.A.C.P., is also directly cooperating with the police. On charges signed by the faker, Oscar DePriest and officers of the N.A.A.C.P., branch in Chicago, eight workers were sentenced to six months in jail for heckling William Pickens at a meeting. After Wm. Pickens was thru viciously attacking the Committee and the mass defense movement and calling upon the Negroes to have faith in the Alabama lynch court which has already sentenced the boys to the electric chair, workers in the audience demanded the right to speak and expose his lies and slander. Pickens and other Judas' present immediately called in the police and had the workers arrested.

All the mothers of the boys are now already in the North or on the way to speak at large meetings and demonstrations organized by the I. L. D. and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights. Mrs. Janie Patterson is in Pittsburgh speaking before the striking miners and other workers. Mrs. Norris has left for Detroit, Mrs. Williams for Cleveland and Mrs. Wright is in New York.

### Int'l Protest On Scottsboro

Workers thruout the world are being aroused to the Scottsboro outrage and have joined the mass protest and defense movement. The Communist Party of Cuba has passed a resolution protesting the lynch law verdict and calling upon the Cuban workers to demand the immediate release of the boys and a new trial before a jury of workers and farmers, at least half to be Negroes, and with no whites with anti-Negro prejudice permitted on it.

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### Stone U. S. A. Consulate In Berlin

BERLIN, Germany—Several hundred young workers demonstrated in front of the American Consulate Office here for the third time protesting against the legal lynching of the nine Negro boys in Scottsboro, Ala. The demonstration was led by the Young Communist League of Germany. Several windows were broken and demands were thrown into the offices calling for the release of the boys and proclaiming the faith of the young German workers in their innocence. Placards which read: "Down with American Lynch Justice! Long Live the Solidarity of the Negro and White Workers! Negro Workers Support the Communist Party of the United States of America" and similar slogans were displayed. Several arrests were made by the police.

The German Communist Party is carrying on an intense agitation throughout Germany calling for international working class solidarity in the defense of the Scottsboro, Alabama boys. Every step taken by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense, leaders of the Scottsboro campaign, is made known to the German workers.

### Louisiana Posse Murders Negro Worker

COVINGTON, La. (CNA)—Earl Lefrere, 35 years old Negro worker, was shot down in cold blood by Leonard Pinks and several other white men deputized by Deputy Sheriff John Shabrook to act with him.

The lynch "deputies" called at Lefrere's home and started to beat him up and abuse him. Lefrere was accused of wounding Deputy Sheriff Shabrook when the latter tried to beat him up. Shabrook thereupon deputized a mob as a posse and sent them to Lefrere's home to avenge the "insult" to white supremacy.

Reports come from various parts of the Black Belt that the landlords are cutting off the croppers as soon as the crop is put by. The few pounds of fatback, flour and corn advanced to the croppers by the landlords while the crops were being planted—barely enough to keep from starving to death—are now being stopped, and the cropper must look out for himself until cotton picking time, if he remains alive until then or does not leave the land in desperation.

With the crops already planted, the landlord does not care if the cropper picks up his few belongings and goes elsewhere for something to eat. At a starvation wage, the boss can hire day laborers at picking time to take in the crop and keep it all for himself.

But the croppers have nowhere to

### 40,000 Strikers Hit U. M. W. of A. Strike-Breaking

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The strike-breaking U.M.W. of A., which is attempting to break the strike of 40,000 miners in Penna.-Ohio-W. Va. was given a decisive blow when two hundred men who were working in the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co., walked out and joined the National Miners Union. The U.M.W. had patched up an agreement with the Terminal and Gov. Pinchot, which was hailed by the labor fakers as a "victory." The miners denounced this agreement over the heads of the rank and filers, and even those who returned to work found that the conditions were worst than they had been before they walked out.

The UMWA organizers are being stoned and booted out of the mine towns where they try to hold meetings. The fakers are doing all in their power to break the strike and John L. Lewis, president of the UMWA, has written President Hoover a letter pleading with him to break the strike of the 40,000 miners. Hoover has ordered Secretary of Commerce Lamont and Secretary of Labor Doak to call a conference of mine operators, scabs and the UMW to make a "settlement." The Central Rank and File Strike Committee has exposed this strike-breaking move and served notice that it will not abide by any decisions made by this conference.

Three more mines of the Peabody Coal Company in West Virginia have struck and a number of other small mines in Ohio and West Virginia are answering the call. Miners are marching on St. Clairsville, Ohio, in a hunger march demanding unemployment relief and relief for the strikers. Twenty Thousand took part in the march on Pittsburgh last week.

### Mellon in Europe Lays Plans For Intervention

While Wall Street's diplomat, Mellon, and Foreign secretary Stimpson are in Europe working on what is called "Hoover's Reparation Holiday Plan," but in reality a move to further crush the German workers and organize the war of intervention against the Soviet Union, a war spirit is being created here.

"Vigilants"

Press releases are appearing in all the boss presses sent out by new organizations formed by the bosses like mushrooms, viciously attacking the Soviet Union and making use of all kinds of dastardly lies. An organization which calls itself the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation—which as its name implies is a group of high-class stool-pigeons—has issued a statement signed by one James H. Watt, who claims to be an engineer who had spent some time in Russia. Watt admits that he was expelled from the Soviet Union, probably because of the counter-revolutionary activity he carried on there. In this statement he says: "The sole aim and purpose of the maniacs who comprise the controlling group in Russia is to effect the complete destruction of the present world civilization." Statements such as these, of course, are published in full length by the labor-hating Chattanooga Times, which seeks every opportunity to attack the working class and the Soviet Union.

This statement goes hand in hand with the call of the Treasury Department for an economic Blockade against the Soviet Union. Watt's statement is full of lies about conditions in Russia and declares that every "person working for the Soviet Government or dealing with them in any way is working against the best interests of the United States." It is an attempt to prevent American engineers from going over and helping in the Five-Year-Plan and is a part of the propaganda for an economic blockade and the war that is to follow.

A. F. of L. Cries For Blood

Matthew Woll, vice-president of the A. F. of L. which is selling out workers right and left, has just named 100 war-mongers as the United States section of an international committee to "combat the world menace of Communism," in support of the war plans being laid together with other capitalist countries by Mellon and Simpson. A member of this committee is George W. Ochs-Oakes, once mayor of Chattanooga, and a vicious enemy of the workers.

Talk of war against the Soviet Union is heard on every side. Dean Madden speaking before the third annual institute of business men in New York said: "International economic cooperation to save capitalism is the only alternative to the triumph of Russian Communism and possible destruction of European civilization."

James M. Beck, former solicitor (Turn To Page Two)

ize for a struggle.

The first mighty blow against the landlords must be struck now. Together with the renters, day laborers and poor farmers—who are also being starved by the same landlords—the croppers must demonstrate in front of the landlords house, demanding that the food advances be continued until the crop is taken in. In this way we must serve notice upon the landlord that we do not intend to sit idly by and see him take all the fruits of our labor and let us starve.

This is the only kind of action that will get us something to eat. If one cropper goes by himself to the landlord's back door and says: "Please, Capt'n, I'm hungry, give me some corn," he will get nothing. If hundreds of croppers, black and white

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## Young Workers Rout Fascists In Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—An open air meeting of the Young Communist League of Charlotte was attacked Monday night by a group of hoodlums dressed in a peculiar black uniform with white trimmings. The meeting took place at the foot of Eighth St., and the rats in uniforms were too afraid to come close to the young workers so they took up a stand on a hill close by and began throwing huge rocks and bricks down upon the meeting in an attempt to break it up.

The speaker, Dave Doran, continued the meeting while about fifty young workers present answered the assault by throwing back even larger rocks. The skunks on top of the hill were determined to hit the speaker as they kept on throwing rocks for about fifteen minutes until two young workers took up a stand close by the speaker and pointed guns in the direction of the rats on the hill. Under cover of the defense put up by the young workers, two young girl workers went up the hill in the direction of the rats and before this determined advance the spit-lickle tools of the bosses fled.

The meeting was continued to a close and was extremely enthusiastic. Many young workers present, particularly the young Negro workers, were won over entirely by the League. Many joined. The meeting ended with the singing of "Solidarity" and the waving of fists in the direction of the fleeing rats. This is the second time, meetings of the YCL have been attacked by bosses tools on this corner. Each time they were chased away.

The girls who went up the hill recognized one of the skunks as a certain Burkelow, who owns considerable property in Charlotte. It is believed that the rats are part of a Fascist organization composed of bosses and landlords that are organized in a determined effort to prevent white and negro workers from organizing together for better conditions.

The young worker speakers at the meeting were Gertrude Golden, A. Black, Ralph Garrett and Doran. Much literature was sold and many young workers pledged their support in a fight to free the Scottsboro Nine and against bosses wars.

## War Moves Against Soviet Union Grows

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general of the United States and now Republican representative from Pennsylvania is calling for the convocation of an international economic conference whose chief purpose is to be the organization of a united economic and military attack against the Soviet Union.

A well-known Polish politician, Roman Dvorski, wrote the following in a Warsaw paper: "At meetings with representatives of trade, industrial and financial circles in Europe one hears more and more frequently war-like phrases, demands for a crusade against the Soviet Union, and confidential information to the effect that such a crusade has already been de-

## LYNCH LAW AT WORK

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Deputy Sheriff George Mangold, notorious for his numerous murders of Negro workers, shot and fatally wounded Edward B. Summers, Negro, after entering his home where a double wedding ceremony was taking place. Summers and his sister were being married when the deputy forced his way in and grabbed hold of Summers, pointing his gun at him. When asked what he wanted, the deputy shot Summers point-blank in the chest and dragged him out to his car. No action has been taken against the deputy.

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COLUMBUS, Miss.—George McLain, 50 year old Negro, was beaten to death near here by a posse of white men in search for a supposed attacker of a white woman. McLain was the first Negro they came upon. The posse, consisting of 100, is terrifying the whole section. A later report said that the one who was being searched was a Negro farm worker who had burned a barn. In either case McLain's innocence was established.

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GREENVILLE, S. C.—On the investigation of the white landlord the 17-year-old son of a Negro tenant farmer was arrested on the Augusta Road and charged with attacking a 5-year-old child.

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GREENVILLE, S. C.—One young Negro worker has been arrested here and charged with criminal assault upon a white woman and a number of others have been arrested and held for investigation. The white woman who claims to have been attacked cannot identify any of them, nevertheless they are being held and the terror continues.

decided upon in conferences of the financiers, and, which is more, that the initiators of the plan reckon not only with the overthrow and destruction of the Soviet regime, but also with the division of Russia amongst the great powers and even the smaller powers." Mellon and Stimpson are putting the finishing touches to these plans.

Workers, protest these war preparations against the Soviet Union! Fight against wage-cuts, speed-up, for unemployment insurance, against Jim-crowism! Demonstrate on August 1st.

## Croppers Cut Off Fight Starvation

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together, go to the front door of the landlord's mansion all together and say: "We are starving. Give us food or we will take it"—that will be a different matter. The food will come fast enough.

In demonstrations like this, the white croppers and poor farmers must join with the Negro croppers. The same white landlord starves white-skinned and black-skinned farmers alike, and the white and black must fight together against starvation. If we don't, what will happen? If only the Negroes demonstrate, then the landlord will set up a "nigger scare"—say the Negroes are revolting and get the government to send in troops and shoot them down. But if white and black demonstrate together, then the landlord has no such excuse. It is a fight for bread, and all must join it, if they are not going to starve to death even before the crop is taken in.

Demonstrate together, black and white croppers, poor farmers, day laborers and poor renters! Demonstrate before the house of the biggest landlords, all together, womenfolk and children, too. Force the bosses to con-

## Collective Farms In Soviet Union

By MAXIM GORKY

Almost half of the peasants have entered agricultural collectives.

What does this mean?

It means that 12,838,000 peasant families have decided to abandon their old life in which for centuries they have been accustomed to the rule of tsars and landlords.

It means that in the Soviet Union the peasantry has actually been freed from penal servitude, from a poverty-stricken, dark life which for thousands of years kept them in the position of an inferior race.

It means that the peasantry which before were divided on little pieces of land, fruitlessly expending their strength in the unending struggle with poverty, have now, taught by the Party of Bolshevik-Communists, felt themselves strong enough to appropriate all land as a single economic unit.

It means that twelve and one-half million peasant families, bound together in a single human unit, understand that individual labor has had its day and that it is advantageous and wise to join forces in one great agricultural industry.

It means that the peasantry have actually arrived at a plan of agricultural economy, such as the workers already had.

When this whole mass of peasants are organized in collective farms, applying their labor collectively, 25 million heads are amalgamated into one wise, economic head. That head plans in what regions, in what kind of soil will be sown wheat, where rye, where barley; in united tilling of the soil, it destroys weeds and parasites which negligently suck the juice out of the soil like useless individuals used to suck the strength out of the peasantry. Armed with machines the peasantry sees how dear the horse cost it, how much of the soil was sown merely to feed the horse. The horizon of this united 25-million head widens beyond the narrow boundaries of a province, a region, to comprise the whole country and the new worker on the land sees all the monstrousness of his yesterdays, all the senselessness, the uselessness, of his accustomed ways.

Labor will become easier and easier there will be more and more free time left for the peasant to become acquainted with the world in which he lives, for self-education and culture. His children, taught in the universities, will build on the unfettered land our good roads, they will find still better fertilizer for the soil than they knew before; the children will

continue feeding, let them know that you do not intend to allow them to take your crops, that you will also demand settlement when the crops are in. Right now, demand food, and quick, too!

make over the crowded and dirty village into a city, where there will be good bathhouses, hospitals, bakeries, laundries, schools, theatres, clubs, where a new life will begin, created by the laboring people.

Such a life not beyond the mountains. It will be organized just as soon as the village woman understands how valuable for her is the kolkhoz (collective farm) and how it will free her from the daily bondage which heretofore aged her and beset her with all kinds of diseases. In former days, in individual agriculture, "baba" (mother) was overburdened with work in the kitchen, with washing, with the pigs, poultry and stock, was nurse to her children. But the new life must free her and is freeing her from this unbearable labor. The kolkhoz, collective labor, opens to the woman as well as the man, an absolutely new life.

All this is not a dream. It is being realized by the city workers and, with their example, the peasantry must realize it too. We must not forget that here the power is in the hands of the workers and peasants and that it serves only the interests of those who work—it has no other interests. The government and the Party are flesh of the flesh and bone of the bone of workers and peasants. In all, other countries the government serves the interests of the minority alone—the interest of factory owners, merchants, landowners. The laws which in Europe are made by parliaments, are in defense of the rich and always against the workers and peasants; they are made from the top down.

With us the laws come from below, from the village soviet, the kolkhoz, the factories and plants. Take any law and we see at its base the practical experience of workers and peasants; this means that in the Soviet Union the working people themselves make the laws. When the kulak (rich peasant) whispers in the ear of the kolkhoz members all kinds of lies about the Communists, let the latter not forget that, recognizing the strength and advantage of collective labor, he is already on the path toward communism, and he must understand that the kulak wants to turn him back—to be his hireling. It is natural that the kulak should do this, when the workers, and peasants government wants to see the working people the united landlord of their country and all its wealth.

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The miners on strike against starvation in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia issue this call for tents. Many have already been evicted. Many hundreds have received eviction notices.

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## FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

## ALA. BASTLES USE 'PERSUADER' ON PRISONERS

New Orleans, La.

Dear Comrades:

I just returned from a start I made to the Unemployed Conference held in Washington on February 10. I was thrown into jail for three months. I want to tell you about the rotten conditions that prevail in the Alabama prisons.

There are about 25,000 prisoners in that state. If they are not totally disabled they must perform hard labor from daylight to dark, which is fourteen hours a day. If one goes to the doctor, he is given enough medicine to make him sicker than he was; they are not allowed to "lay up" unless they have a temperature of at least 104 degrees. I have seen men working when they were so sick they staggered like drunken men. If they failed to do their work, the warden has what he calls a "persuader;" it is a strap that weighs nine pounds. All of the prisoners have a mortal terror of the strap; they administer 21 "licks" at one time, and the victim usually goes to the hospital after he has been beaten.

Riding freight trains, or being cut off a job, are common "crimes" that will get one 60 and 90 days in Alabama. And then they have guts enough to talk about convict labor in the U.S.S.R.

Comrades, we must organize against this slavery, if we don't want to die with chains on our feet.

—M. L. Jackman.

## Capitalist Press Lies To Workers About Bolsheviks

(By A Worker Correspondent)

Tampa, Fla.

To the 100%ers—

Russia's "unpardonable sin" of selling wheat at the Open Market price, also wood pulp to get money to buy machinery with is just plain trading.

Did you good old patriots holler when Waltham watches sold in England for \$8.50 and were made here and sold here for \$50? And Singer Sewing machines sold in England at retail at \$9 and we make them and had to pay \$45 and more for the same machine. Remember we produced the goods and paid 5 times more than our "worst competitor" did.

Capitalism must give way unless a more equitable distribution takes place.

The Capitalist press generally take up ostrich duck issues. They try to befuddle the workers and change the meaning of the word Bolshevik, which means "majority rule." Also the bossier interpretation of vile vicious Socialism, which means collective ownership of the means of production and distribution.

Well the scale will soon be on the balance. The workers will then judge accordingly.

—A Worker.

## REVOLT IN THE BELGIUM CONGO SPREADS

LEOPOLDVILLE, Belgium Congo, (CNA)—The uprising started by the starving natives is rapidly spreading and much concern is felt in the Congo that fires of revolt will

## NOTHING TO EAT



A mother and her children looking into the empty cupboard for food. Scenes like these are common in the mine fields. It is against such conditions that 40,000 miners are striking. Organize and Strike against Starvation!

## 50c Day For Peons In Sumter County

(By Farmer Correspondents)

Sumter County, S. C.

On the farm we work hard for a living and only make 50c a day and have a hard time to get that.

A man gives me a job at the mill and promises me \$75 a day but I would have to work 3 weeks before I could get the money.

So I went to work and worked the three weeks. When pay day came what did I get? For my 3 weeks \$6 only and that was all I got.

—A Cropper.

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Sumter County, S. C.

I am a farmer trying to make a crop, but I have no help. No way to get anything to eat. I eat blackberries. We have tried to get work all the year and yet looking. And I am in a bad shape.

—A Cropper.

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Sumter County, S. C.

Us farmers aren't getting help from no one and some of us sell chickens and eggs for a living and we find it mighty hard to live.

—A Cropper.

## Gets 30 Days For Refusing White Man

(By A Worker Correspondent)

Charlotte, N. C.

I am out of a job and have been walking the streets for 3 months and can't get nothing to do. I am just aimost outdoors and out of something to eat, and no work.

At the courthouse they brought a white man and a colored girl. The white man asked the woman for a date and cause she wouldn't give him the date he said she stole a hat and they gave her 30 days.

—A Worker.

break out there. A detachment of Belgium troops massacred 300 natives not far from the capitol. On every side the government authorities are attempting to drown the revolutionary outbursts in blood.

## Negro Landlords In Chatta. Just As Bad As White

(By A Worker Correspondent)

Chattanooga, Tenn.

This is a case that shows that there is no difference in landlords, white or black. The negro landlord and the negro boss is as bad as the white.

Negro landlords are throwing workers out into the streets here daily. The worst property owners and the most relentless in garnisheeing workers are Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Henderson, who is employed by the city and a particularly dirty landlord by the name of Mrs. Bush who lives at Willow and Blackford Sts.

The other day Mrs. Bush threw a worker named Nanny Drake in the streets. After having the officers throw Nanny's things in the streets, this ratty Mrs. Bush, called up the furniture company and told them that Nanny Drake was running off with their furniture.

The company sent officers and took almost all of Nanny Drakes' furniture though she owed only \$21 on \$150 bill.

This shows how the little, petty bosses work together. The only way to beat their game is for all workers, white and black, to organize and stick together. Fight for better conditions and demand free rent for the unemployed. DEMAND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

—A Worker.

## Join Jobless Council

(By A Worker Correspondent)

Charlotte, N. C.

I and my husband are out of work and can't get nothing to do. I don't know what we are going to do. I was walking the streets and was turned down everywhere I went.

When I was working I got \$2.50 a week. I been out of work a long time. Come one and all and join the Unemployed Council.

—A Woman Worker

## NOTICE

Due to large number of Worker's Correspondence received many have been omitted from this issue. They will appear in future issues.

## CHATTA. MINISTERS ALLIANCE ON DEFENSIVE BEFORE WORKERS

(By A Worker Correspondent)

Chattanooga, Tenn.

A successful open air meeting was held here July 1st at Willow and Garfield Sts. Hundreds of workers turned out and many joined our movement. Large numbers of papers were sold.

A lot of the bosses tools and misleaders were shown up. It is well known that a rat cannot stand the light of day. When this reptile, Dr. Stevens, (who is the treasurer of the Ministers Alliance) heard himself described as an arch betrayer of the Negro race, he changed his tune.

He now says he was for the boys all along. Another lizard, the Rev. Johnson, is spending all his time telling his congregation he never said the boys were guilty. The Rev. Whitney, another member of the skunk family, says he is now for the boys.

The people are getting the facts and putting mass pressure on these scoundrels. Dr. Stevens explains his stand by saying that Negroes should not attempt to dictate to white people. He says we should go easy and not make the white people angry. He said the Southern white man would not permit the I. L. D. to come South and dictate to him.

Therefore, he says, the Ministers Alliance could do more for the boys by kowtowing and bending the head than the I.L.D. could do.

Again we point out to the Negro race the danger of such rabbit-hearted leadership. The Negro has been on his knees for a 1000 years to the white boss and it never got him anywhere except to slavery.

However, the Ministers Alliance is still carrying on a lying, whispering campaign against the International Labor Defense. They tell the workers that if they attend our open-air meetings the police will mow them down with machine guns. They started this lie about the successful meeting on July 1st. These sneaking scoundrelly betrayers say that the meeting was broken up by the police and several workers shot.

Workers, do not be deceived by these lies. The preachers are hired to lie. Organize and stick together and put the preachers on the streets. Let them forage for themselves a while, like we have to. Cease to feed them. Thy derive their position from you. Shake them off your backs.

—A Worker

## LIVING OFF JUNK PILES

(By A Worker Correspondent)

Greenville, S.C.

There are always several men and women at the trash pile, in Greenville, picking up junk for a living. They look for copper, brass, rags, and different kinds of metal, to feed their children. They barely make enough to feed their children much less themselves. They only get 3c a pound for metal and 50c a 100 lbs for rags, and as there are at least 500 workers trying to make a living this way, you can imagine how much they make a day.

I saw a man, today, who looked like he had about 3 or 4 lbs in all after working all day. This was all he had to feed his family of five for the day.

Right near this trash pile you can see people picking up old oranges, apples, and slop of other kinds from the city garage dump. This slop is so rotten that it's not fit to eat, yet they are picking it up as it is all they have to eat. This shows how much the Red Cross is helping the people in the city of Greenville.

Do you think workers will continue doing this or will they fight for a living.

—C.S.J.

## What! \$3 Week Not Enuf? Get Out, Then

(By A Worker Correspondent)

Charlotte, N. C.

The conditions of the young Negro and white workers in Charlotte, they have to do the dirtiest work and get the lowest wage. They work from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M. and only ten minutes for lunch. A young Negro worker was working in a pressing club. The boss gave him \$3 a week. He went to the boss and asked for more pay. The boss said, 'Go back to work, Nigger, they another Nigger ous in the street waiting for your job. He will work for two dollars a week.'

The Negro and white workers working side by side, the white workers get five dollars a week, all doing the same work. Why don't the boss pay the Negro same as he does the white? Are we going to stand for that? The answer is no. The only way we can stop that is fight for better conditions.

—Young Worker R. G.

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### Defend Soviet Union, Demonstrate August 1st!

Hoover's Wall Street Government is busily at work in Europe trying to save German capitalism from the proletarian revolution and at the same time build under its own leadership a coalition of all the capitalist countries for intervention against the Soviet Union.

While Mellon is in Paris trying to save billions of American dollars invested in the exploitation of the German workers, the Treasury Department has issued the call for an economic blockade against the Soviet Union. This is a war move, based on the war lie of forced labor in the Soviet Union. It is a lie broadcast by the ruling class of this country which lives off the wage-slavery of the workers, which shoots workers down in the streets when they demand something to eat, which oppresses the millions of poor farmers. The war lie is aimed at the only country in the world where the workers and farmers control their own destiny and are building socialism. The economic blockade is a move in the direction of war, having as its immediate aim the wrecking of the Five-Year Plan in order to weaken the defensive power of the Soviet Union against military intervention.

This goes hand in hand with Hoover's reparations plan. Afraid that the German workers suffering under the combined onslaught of the Versailles Treaty, the Wall Street Young Plan and the world crisis, will overthrow this slavery, the boss-statesmen are working overtime to find a means of strengthening the capitalist government of Germany and break down the powerful resistance of the German working class. Hoover's scheme is directed against the German and American workers, it seeks to not only save its investment of billions in Germany, but clear the way for further investments of millions of dollars gleaned in profits out of the sweat and starvation of the workers in this country. The money that will be invested in Germany will go towards the shooting down of the German revolutionary workers. Hoover's plan is a plan for CIVIL WAR ON THE GERMAN MASSES IMPERIALIST WAR ON THE SOVIET UNION.

Creeping into the newspaper reports of the conferences being held in Europe are statements such as these: one quotes Mellon as saying that one of his missions in Europe is "common action against Soviet Policy;" another well-known correspondent telegraphs about "reports from London that as part of the price for 'being saved' Germany may be required to enter the western front against Russia." The Hoover plan is to suppress the German revolution and start the war of intervention against the Soviet Union.

Workers and oppressed farmers of America! Unite on August 1st against the war plans of the capitalist robbers! Unite in a struggle against wage-cuts and unemployment, against speed-up and starvation, for unemployment insurance, for the right to organize and strike, for relief for the impoverished farmers, against the persecution of Negroes.

Defend the Socialist Fatherland, the Soviet Union!  
Demonstrate on August 1st!

### Miners, On To Pittsburgh Conference!

The call issued by the Central Rank and File Strike Committee and the National Miners Union—leaders of the strike of 40,000 miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia—for a National Miners Conference in Pittsburgh on July 15th and 16th, is of the greatest importance to miners throughout the country. The miners in the Southern fields, especially, must pay great heed to this call.

The starvation and slavery conditions against which the striking miners are fighting are even worse in Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. Here, too, thousands of miners and their families are starving. The miners are working for almost nothing. Their wages are barely enough to pay for the supplies at the company stores. They are held in actual slavery in the mine camps.

The United Mine Workers, which has now become the bosses strike-breaker in agency, has been just as active selling out strikes in the Southern fields, and is largely responsible for the starvation conditions. Because it sold out the miners to the bosses, broke the miner's solidarity, the bosses could do as they pleased.

The National Miners Union, by its militant and faithful leadership in the present strike, has shown the miners throughout the country, that it will never sell out, that it is the only miners union which can lead the miners to victory. Under its leadership, the struggles of the miners against starvation now taking place throughout the country can and will be organized jointly, under a common program and joint demands.

This is the purpose of the Pittsburgh Conference. Miners in the Southern fields, send your delegates to Pittsburgh! Harlan miners, join forces with the 40,000 striking miners to the north of you, and continue and spread your militant struggle! Miners of the Southern fields be sure to have delegates at Pittsburgh!

### Int'l Scottsboro

#### Protest Growing

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Two European committees of prominent writers and scientists have been formed to obtain the release of the Scottsboro boys and protest the vicious exploitation and persecution of the Negroes in this country by the white boss class. A German commit-

tee has been formed consisting of Albert Einstein, Thomas Mann, Leon Feuchtwanger, George Ledebur and other very noted and prominent men. Five members of the Academy of Science in Leningrad, Soviet Union, have protested the legal lynching. Izvestia, Moscow newspaper, reports that it has received hundreds of protests from workers in every part of the Soviet Union.

### ARRESTED ON THE PICKET LINE



This miner's wife was arrested on the picket line near St. Clairsville, Ohio. The women are fighting militantly against starvation in the coal fields.

### Danville Workers To Fight Again Under NTWU Lead

By W. G. BINKLEY

350 workers were added to the already mounting army of the unemployed recently when the Riverside Mills No. 1, closed down indefinitely. There are now close to 5,000 unemployed workers in Danville. In spite of this being the so-called busy season unemployment is constantly on the increase.

Two years ago, according to the Chamber of Commerce figures there were more than 7,000 textile workers here in the Danville mills. However, today, instead of the 7,000 workers normally employed, we find only a little more than 3,000 mill workers, according to the best estimates. And the majority of these are on part time with greatly reduced wages.

Before the present system of inhuman speed-up and stretchout was put into force the limit for the workers in the weaving department was the running of 16 Draper looms of 28 inch width. Now they run 32 Draper looms of 36 inch width. The speed-up in the other departments has been equally great, and in some instances much worse. This new system of speed-up was initiated by the efficiency experts which the company began employing about two years ago. After each new stretchout, there inevitably followed a wage-cut. The more work turned out the less the workers received in wages.

#### The Enemy Comes

Naturally the workers were very much dissatisfied with their already miserable conditions getting worse. They were ready to follow any one or anything that promised relief. The Gorman gang and their UTW outfit, ever ready to prey upon the discontent of the workers, were soon on the job. With rosy promises and poisonous lies of their past achievements they began to sign up workers by the hundreds.

From the time the strike started until its final sell-out, the UTW under Gormans leadership, cooperated with the mill company to defeat the strikers. To begin with the Dan River Mills had \$100,000 dollars of goods in the Bleachery. This would have soon been ruined. Gorman told the workers to go back and save this cloth for the mill company. Instead of holding this over the heads of the Company to force the demands of the union, he virtually gave the company \$100,000.00 with which to fight the strikers. Again, every time the strik-

ers showed real workingclass militancy on the picket line, Gorman would call a mass meeting and tell the workers not to be so rash. "Don't use force" Gorman would say, "Use peaceful persuasion to keep the scabs out." Also, he told the workers that there shouldn't be more than six pickets at a mill at a time, three days before the courts of Danville issued an injunction forbidding more than six to picket the mills!

It can thus be seen that the UTW policy from the beginning of the strike to its final disgraceful sell-out, was one of boss-class collaboration and anti-working class. The final big story about having an agreement with the company, effected thru the cooperation of Mr. Flippin a university professor and a relative of the president of the Dan River Mills, and the coal Baron, Mr. Morgan, was Gorman's last grand gesture to further fool the workers, and if possible keep a few of them blinded and paying dues to his fake organization.

#### A Lesson Well Learnt

The Danville strikers were as militant a bunch of workers as ever went on the picket line. Against the police, the professional strike-breaking National Guardsmen and the persistent advise of the UTW officialdom, these strikers battled militantly and successfully, for weeks kept scabs out of the mills. And today the majority of these strikers realize they lost the strike thru the treachery of the UTW leaders. They still believe in a Union. But they have learned their lesson well. They want no more of the fake AF of L. They now know the difference between this bosses sell-out machine and a real red-blooded labor union such as the National Textile Workers Union. These workers prove they have learned by the fact that they are now joining the NTWU.

They are preparing for the next big battle, for they know it is coming.

While the few who are working are driven to the endurance limit on the jobs, while they are having their wages cut, the army of the unemployed is constantly swelling. Mass starvation, ghost like, stares these workers in the face. Winter is approaching with its added expense, its added suffering and misery. The workers can see nothing in store for them. There is no way out except thru their mass action. They tried once and failed. But that did not discourage them. They will try again. This time it will be under the militant leadership of the NTWU.

### Gunfire Behind Reprations

(A conversation on a gondola car, between a white and a colored worker, both vainly searching for work).

**WHITE WORKER:** See by this here scrap of newspaper that Mellon is over in Europe trying to get the Frenchies to lay off the Huns and stop the debts for a year. Hoover sure does worry about feeding everybody but those who are starving in this here country. The ways of those politicians are queer, it strikes me. They had me fighting the Huns first to save the world for democracy, and when I got back, there may have been democracy, but I had no job. Seems like the more democracy there is, the less jobs there is. Its this guy Hoover who squawked about a treasury deficit when the veterans bonus bill was up, and Mellon squawked with him. After they cheated us out of half our bonus, they're going to stop the war debts. It's queer, tho.

**NEGRO WORKER:** I aint seen nothing of the war debts Hoover's been collecting up to now, either. Looks like Hoover and Mellon and Wall Street are just putting their fist down on Europe. Mellon aint no pure white, no sir. Looks like to me, he's over there with sinister purposes. I aint never yet heard sweet words from a white boss man, that aint meant something else. When they're putting sweetenin' on your brain, it means they're jes getting ready to do something with you that you aint going to like. When diplomats go sailing over the water, there's something stirring. I been in the last war, too, and when I lost my arm, I got something pumped into my head. And that something is sticking and growing all the time. And that something says: 'Watch out, you're going to be in haling poison gasses pretty soon, and a load of bird shot's going to be nothing to what you're going to get.' Which sort o' makes me think ther's some gunfire behind this here reprations business. Another rich man's war and a poor man's fight.

**WHITE WORKER:** You got sense. Looks like Hoover is feared of a revolution in Germany and that's why he wants to help the Hun government. You know, those German workers are starving just like we is, 'cept that they is fighting about 1000 times better.

**NEGRO WORKER:** Ain't that the truth! And let me tell you somethin' else, white man. Been noticin' all this talk about Russia? How they want to put a blockade on her? Seems somehow, its conected up, Russia and reprations and starving. Looks like they's rather kill us off in a war than feed us. Looks to me like they dont want no Red Russia. Yes, sir, white man, looks like they want to march us to Moscow to overthrow the reds and Mellon is over there making the arrangements for the march. Looks that-away and I dont like it.

**WHITE WORKER:** Neither do I. Seems like those Rusians are getting along alright, seems like they're not starving, that everybody's workin. Looks like they did the right thing in that there revolution of theirs and I hope it comes in Germany and here, too, yes, right here. I got a wife and children starving in the mine camps, and here I am riding all over God's country searchin for work. This here system is crazy, and I got something else to fight for before I fight for it. There's another kind of march I'm going on before that March on Moscow. If there's going to be a war, it's going to be right here.

**NEGRO WORKER:** And me, too. You just took them dar words out of my mouth.